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FROM USDEL MAPUTO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG MZ
SUBJECT: MAPUTO CONFERENCE: ALGERIAN REP. UNDERSCORES SIGNIF-
ICANCE OF "MAPUTO MOOD"

1. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO BONN MOHAMMED SAHNOUN, FORMER
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS,
DELIVERED HIS GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT TO MAPUTO PLENARY
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON , MAY 18. SPEECH, WHICH IS BEING
SUMMARIZED SEPTTEL, WAS A BROADLY-PHRASED AND GENERALLY
RESTRAINED FORMULATION OF WELL-KNOWN ALGERIAN THEMES OF
SUPPORT FOR BLACK AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS.

2. SAHNOUN HAD URGED DEL. OFF. TO LISTEN TO HIS STATEMENT CAREFULLY, AND AFTERWARDS HE SOUGHT OUT DEL. OFF. TO UNDERSCORE THE PURPOSELY "MODERATE" TENOR OF THE ALGERIAN STATEMENT. HE SAID THE U.S. SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE AFRICANS AND NON-ALIGNED ARE MAKING AN INTENSE EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT MAPUTO PRODUCES RESULTS RISING ABOVE CONVENTIONAL MILITANT RHETORIC; THE U.S. AND THE WEST ARE MADE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY; AND THE FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE DRAWN UP SO EVERYONE CAN AGREE WITH THEM.

3. SAHNOUN SAID THIS AFRICAN INTENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AND AGREED AMONG KEY LEADERS. THEY SENSE A CULMINATION OF EVENTS THAT OFFERS HOPE FOR REAL MOVEMENT TOWARD SOLUTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, AND WANT TO CAPITALIZE ON THIS TREND, EVEN COOPERATING WITH WESTERN NEGOTIATION EFFORTS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. THEY ALSO SPECIFICALLY WANT TO GIVE AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TIME TO MAKE THEIR RUN AT THE PROBLEM.

4. SAHNOUN ASKED HOW THE FIVE FELT ABOUT NAMIBIA PROSPECTS FOLLOWING THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE SAG. IN RESPONSE TO A GENERAL BRIEFING, HE SAID HE BELIEVES VORSTER IS BENT ON SETTLEMENTS IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE, BUT ONLY AS A MEANS HOPEFULLY TO BUY TIME AND RELIEF FROM PRESSURE TO PROTECT THE SOUTH AFRICAN HOMELAND FROM CHANGE. HE POINTED TO THE ROLE OF THE UN IN NAMIBIA AS THE TOUGHEST ISSUE TO RESOLVE.

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5. DEL OFF ASKED IF SAHNOUN HAD ANY IDEAS FOR IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN OAU HEADQUARTERS OFFICIALS AND THE WESTERN FIVE, SUGGESTING THAT IN THE PERIOD TO COME BOTH SIDES MIGHT PROFIT FROM CLOSER CONTACTS. SAHNOUN SAID IT WAS A VALID THOUGHT. HE OFFERED TO GIVE IT SOME CONSIDERATION, BASED ON HIS LONG PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND A TALK WITH OAU SEC GEN ETEKI.
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